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## OFFICIAL

### TEC Signs CRADA with Flight Landata

A new Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) was recently signed between ERDC-TEC and Flight Landata, Inc., of Lawrence, Mass. The CRADA will provide advances in spectral imaging for both military and civilian applications. ERDC-TEC has provided leadership to the spectral imaging community for many years.

Flight Landata, Inc., is a high technology, small business specializing in remote sensing. The firm has more than 7 years of corporate experience in providing thematic data acquisition services and innovative hyperspectral/multispectral airborne imaging systems for government and industrial customers. The company supports remote sensing applications in agriculture, forestry, environmental study, GIS, mapping, defense, scientific research, light and heavy industry, as well as a multitude of other terrestrial and oceanographic science applications.

The overall goal of the CRADA is to develop a hardware/software combination that can be incorporated into the commercial system for Flight Landata, Inc., to market. A critical element in experiment design for both partners is that the imagery has dual use applications. Elements of experiment design from a military use include a myriad of items related to target identification and selection. The performance goal is to solve the problems in pseudo real-time, and using current off-the-shelf hardware and software.

### Competitive Sourcing Initiative

For the latest information on the USACE Competitive Sourcing Initiative visit <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/compsource/compsource.htm>.

### New Security Force Chief

Congratulations to TEC's new Security Force Chief, Thomas Cain. In 1994, he retired from the Air Force, where he was a Security Policeman for 20 years. Cain, who joined TEC in 1995, brings a wealth of law enforcement experience to his new position.

**Martha Bishop, Security Manager, pins stripes on Cain.**



## **New Arrival**



**Linda Bryson**, a Budget Technician in TR, joined TEC on Oct. 21 after more than 13 years at HECSA. The Virginia native is mother to a son and a daughter. In her spare time, Linda enjoys reading, crafting and getting involved in her children's school activities. (Photo by Terri Stowell)

## **Handling Calls from the Media**

When you receive calls from media representatives (local reporters, technical, trade, or general news media), please refer the caller to the Public Affairs Office (PAO) before responding to any questions. PAO will work with you, the reporter, and our command staff to determine how TEC as an organization can best respond. PAO will arrange an interview between you and the reporter if appropriate, and will answer any follow-up calls. This procedure will help TEC personnel prepare properly for answering media questions.

The intention of this request is not to restrict anyone's freedom to speak to the press. It will, however, ensure all concerned, when speaking as representatives of TEC, have the big picture and a complete background on the issue at hand. It also ensures the coordination with our executive staff, who are ultimately responsible for the image portrayed by TEC to the press.

## **Bulletin Publication Change**

With the establishment of an ERDC-wide Information Bulletin, which will be published every 2 weeks, individual site Bulletins will now be published in the "off" weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles and information for the site Bulletin. The next Alexandria Site Information Bulletin will be published on Nov. 14.

## **Commander's Mailbox**

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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BOBBIE J. GALFORD

## U N O F F I C I A L

### Blood Drive Results

Twenty-eight people donated to the Oct. 4 Blood Drive. Jennifer Hanson, TS-T, received her One Gallon Pin.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Dec. 6, at the Casey Building, Rooms 140A and B. (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator)

### Free Kittens

Eight cute, cuddly kittens are in need of a home (see attachments). If you're interested, contact Betty Campbell at 428-6675.



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8kittys.jpg

### Chili Cook-off

The OD Holiday Committee is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Nov. 14 in the Snack Bar. Prizes are: first place - free Holiday Party ticket, second place – ½ off a Holiday Party ticket and third place - \$2 off a Holiday Party ticket.

Judging begins at 11 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., the following menu will be available: large bowl of chili, corn bread, soda and a cookie - \$5; a small bowl of chili, corn bread, soda and cookie - \$3.

If you would like to participate, contact Sara Quesenberry at 428-6729 (ICOM 2254) or Sheri Lee at 428-6830.

### ASMC Luncheon Slated for Nov. 14

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their November luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn on Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. (see attached flyer). The speaker will be Mr. Tom Kerrigan, Retirements and Benefits Specialist, who will discuss Long-Term Care and Retirement.

The cost for menu option 1 and 3 is \$13 for members and \$13.50 for non-members. The cost for menu option 2 is \$10.50 for members and \$11.50 for non-members. If you are interested in attending the November luncheon, contact Kathy Holcombe via email NLT COB Nov. 10 (be sure to specify your menu option). All ERDC-TEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ASMC is a non-profit educational and professional organization for military and civilian personnel involved in or having an interest in military comptrollership. ASMC promotes the education and training of its members and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership. Non-members are encouraged to join the Mount Vernon Chapter of ASMC. (Kathleen E. Holcombe, (703) 428-9110 fax (703) 428-6275, email: [kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil](mailto:kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil))



### **CEFC Dinner Theater Event**

The Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Fund Council (CEFC) is sponsoring a trip to the Riverside Dinner Theater's production of *Oliver!* On Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. in Fredericksburg, Va. The cost for the dinner and show is \$18 per person.

Sign up runs from Oct. 29 to Nov. 22 and is on a first come, first served basis. The event is open to Fort Belvoir DoD civilian employees and their family.

Contact Mary Pumphrey, CEFC Office, at (703) 806-4126, Bldg 210, Basement from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

### **Beautiful Life Christmas Wreathes and Garland**

It's not too early to plan your Christmas decorations. Beautiful 26-inch fresh cut Balsam Wreath (\$18), 24-inch fresh cut Balsam Swag (\$14), 20-foot fresh cut Balsam Garland (\$25), 36-inch Mailbox Swag (\$20) and a Brass Wreath hanger (\$5) are available. A gift box (wreath and brass hanger and shipment) is available for \$30.

See or call Dick Marth in Room 862/IC 2528 to place your order by COB Nov. 14, 2002. Payment is due on Nov. 14, 2001. Orders will be delivered to TEC during the week of Dec. 3 2002. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 224.

### **Halloweenie Madness**



**Will the real Dr. Morrison please sit down. (Photo by Terri Stowell)**

## **Baby on the Way**

A baby shower was held for Ronaly Hofseth, MVK, CT, on Oct. 28. She and husband Keith, IWR, are expecting their first baby in December.



I can do this now. I'm eating for two.



It's a little small for me. Maybe the baby can wear it.

**Photos by  
Terri Stowell**



I can't go horseback riding for a couple of months.  
Maybe it will have grown by then.



## Creative Bake Sale Items

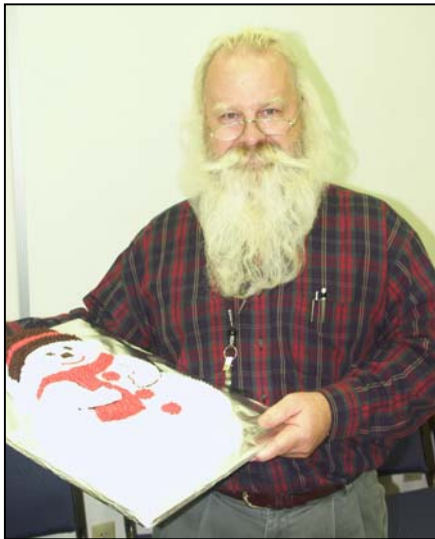


This carrot cake was finger lickin' good.

Photos by Terri Stowell



Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.



Wait a minute! I'm in the wrong holiday!



In the end, the Bake Sale was all about the Benjamins.